

The H.O.G. Insider

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This Month's Chapter Meeting

Sunday

February 19, 2017

9:00am Breakfast

10:00 am General Meeting

Lambs Farm Magnolia
Café

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A Message from the Editor

Next month I will be starting a
"Member's Profile" page. I look forward
to gathering information and hearing
your stories

IMPORTANT DATES



February 10-12th—International Motorcycle Show

February 11th—Light 'em up workshop

February 18th—LOH Painting Party—RSVP by Feb. 10

Submissions to our newsletter?

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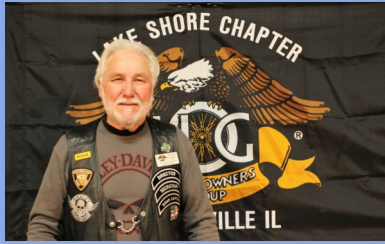
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Bob Montgomery – Director



I would like to thank all of those that helped at the annual chapter membership signup. We had a great turn out with over 150 new and returning members. Thanks to the dealership for providing Donuts and Pizza along with offering a 20% discount to those that signed up.

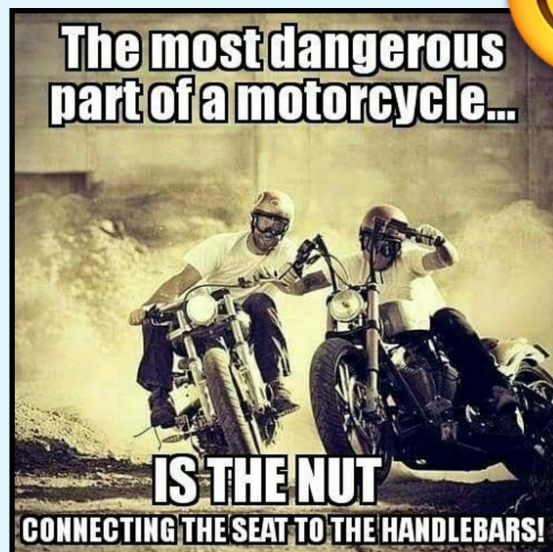
The officers are busy planning the 2017 activities. John Sweeney has a Road Captains' meeting to set up the rides, Corey Johnston has outlined his ideas for 2017 events and Doug O'Keefe has the ball rolling for the Cold Water Rendezvous Run to name a few of the events.

With the mild winter weather, I know some of you have already had the bikes out this year, getting some wind therapy. I hope the rest of the winter is as mild so we can all get out for an early riding season.

I have seen that some of you have new rides for this year. If you are looking to upgrade your ride, Lake Shore Harley gives their H.O.G. members special consideration on bikes. Let's support the dealer that sponsors us.

Until next time, drive and ride safe.

Charles R. (Bob) Montgomery
Director – Lake Shore H.O.G. Chapter
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Dave Jones – Secretary



This month, as you may know, the LS H.O.G. Road Captains get together to get started in setting up the riding calendar for this coming summer. For me, this is a time when I truly start to see an end to winter. I start dreaming of the rides I get to set up for the warmer months ahead.

While there are great rides we do as a chapter, The Bike Blessing, Teddy Bear Run and the second year for the Cold Water Rendezvous for example, I'm talking about what I get to do as an RC.

I love finding new places to eat for our monthly Wednesday Wanderings (this year – maybe La Casa de Issac, Port Edwards Inn and John's Iron Horse) as well as visiting old favorites (Cap'T Porky's and La Traditional come to mind).

Other ride destinations I have in mind might include a Saturday ride to the Illinois Rail Road Museum or the Fox River Trolley Museum as well as the Ginza Holiday Festival in Chicago to see and hear the fantastic Taiko Drums.

Of course, I need a new Baby Butt 500 route and some more haunted venues for the annual Halloween Night Ride into Chicago. And I'm just getting started!

Ride Routes to follow!

(Please remember, I'm always open to suggestions for where to go and what to eat!!)

Who's with me? I can't wait!

As always..., **Ride out. Ride Home. Every Time!**

Dave Jones, Secretary / RC

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Corey Johnston—Activities Officer



As I sit here writing my first article for the newsletter, and it is in the 50's outside, I can't help but look forward to spring and a great riding season ahead.

I am very excited to be serving the chapter this year as the Activities Officer. I intend to keep up the tradition of casual social events throughout the year including dinners and some other fun non riding activities along the way.

As we look to the future we will be having our usual chapter events- the picnic, fall scavenger hunt and of course the holiday party. This year we are looking to "Kickstart the Season" by bringing back a spring event, so look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

As you dream of riding don't forget the upcoming Chicago Motorcycle Show February 10-12 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. It is a great chance to meet up with friends and look at the newest gadgets and merchandise the motorcycle world has to offer.

If you have any special ideas or suggestions for events or gatherings you would like to participate in this year please feel free to call, text or email me. Don't forget if you are on Facebook to join the Lake Shore H.O.G. Members-ONLY page where you can get updates on upcoming social events. It is also a great way to post and link up with friends for casual rides or gatherings.

Hope to see everyone at the next Chapter meeting on February 19th at Lambs Farm.

Corey (Rain Man) Johnston
"Listen to the wind, it talks..."
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Manny Casillas— Photographer/Teddy Bear Drive



Welcome to 2017. We are off to a good start for our Teddy Bear and Hot Wheel drive. Everyone did a great job last year and we are looking forward to another great year. One of the best things about doing this is that it puts a smile on a child's face.

There are many children with allergies to pet hair, cigarette smoke, etc. We recently found out our donations are going to children as Birthday & Christmas Gifts, so our goal is to only accept NEW stuffed animals and hot wheels. We have a donation barrel at the dealership along with 3 cash donation containers at the dealership in the Motorclothes department, parts department and the service department. We will also be accepting donations at the chapter meetings. Like I have said before.... a little change from you will make a big change in a child's life.

Manuel Casillas
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Anne Weimer—Membership



I was so sorry that I missed seeing all your smiling faces at sign up day this year. But we have started out with a bang...between mail in memberships and sign up day we are starting the year with 173 members!!!

For those of you that missed sign up day, don't worry it is really easy to rejoin by simply coming to the February General meeting, and signing up then or you can mail your form along with the \$24.00 annual fee directly to me at 1502 Providence Dr., McHenry, IL 60051 and I will return mail to you your patch and card. So see how easy this is!!! Just a reminder this will be your last newsletter if you do not renew.

The activities are in the works, the rides are being planned, the meetings are being scheduled and we are all looking forward to a fantastic 2017. I hope that everyone will come out and join in all the fun and excitement.

The February meeting is on the 19th at Lambs Farm Magnolia Café, breakfast begins at 9:00 am and the meeting follows at 10:00 am, I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Anne Weimer – aka “Flash”

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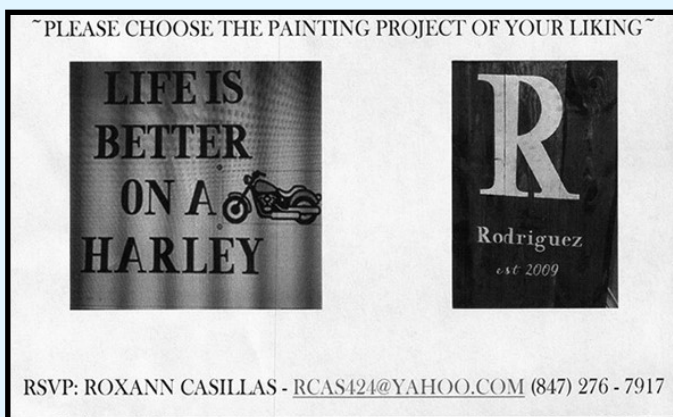


If you did not sign up in January at Lake Shore for LOH please see me at the next Chapter meeting, LOH meeting, or email me your name, phone number and email address.

We have a few exciting things coming up to take the ho-hum out of the winter months. The first part of winter is so busy with the holidays, and then the long days come January, so I always look forward for new things to do to pass the time.

On February 18th we will have a meeting/lunch at Lake Shore and then we will do a plank wood craft with "She's so Crafty". The charge for the craft is \$50.00 and we will have a raffle. One lucky lady will get to paint for free. Below are the two options you have to paint. RSVP to me with your choice by February 10th. If you pick the one with the name on it, I will need the last name and est. date you want on it. If you are not into doing the wood painting, please come for lunch and the meeting.

We will be planning a trip to Chicago to the Harley dealer on Michigan Ave in March. Please see our web page for updates on this and future events. Once the weather gets a little warmer we will also do some rides.



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HISTORIAN'S CORNER



Poker Chips and other collectibles.

Some "history" of the dealer poker chips:



John T. Halsey of the Harley Owners Group tells me that the poker chips actually were a replacement for "dip dots". The dip dot would fit on the top surface of the oil dip stick. Dealers would affix them on bikes when selling them. "They became very popular over the years as a collectible, indicating one made it to that H-D dealership. Many would go as far as to stick them on windshields or helmets. Others just collected them, maybe sticking them to a garage wall or a board to display them. As the design change on the surface of the dip stick, dip dots would no longer fit. That design change was around 2009 with the frame change on the FL platform."

There are a number of dip dots on eBay for sale, going for around \$8 each – if anyone in the club has a collection of these, please snap a picture for my next article. Everyone I asked had never heard of dip dots.

Dealer challenge coins then became popular, but they were expensive, so the poker chips came into play as an inexpensive piece to show one went to the dealership. They also became popular as a collectible from motorcycle events and other businesses.



If you haven't seen the big bin of chips at Lake Shore, here is a picture of it – so many colors to choose from! Curious minds want to know if anyone really uses these for poker and how.

In my quest to downsize, I have chosen not to go out of my way to collect the poker chips, but there are quite a few LakeShore members who have impressive collections. I like that there are international chips available and if I ever travel to other countries, I might be tempted to bring home a chip.

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.Nita Cruz is a collector and has about 70 – including some international chips from Ireland, Belize, Guatemala and Puerto Rico. Steven Lipka has been collecting for five years and has about 47 chips in a bar and shield display case, including some from the Caribbean



Our fearless leader, Bob Montgomery has been collecting since 2012 and has quite an impressive display

This is a display made by a fellow biker – Marc Tacke when he redid his garage. I asked him how he made this and he tells me he used his “flatbed cnc router to cut and engrave it.”



Another collectible would be pins. From H.O.G. magazine, Volume 36 page 9 – JT Hasley talks about pin stops and HOG Rallies. “Memories from these adventures are the road stories you’ll tell over and over. The places you’ve been, the people you met, and the lasting excitement of getting there and back.”

If you ever have a chance to hold John Sweeney’s vest, be prepared to drop it from the unexpected weight. When he puts it on the back of chairs, they fall backwards. His vest is the most pin-populated one I’ve ever seen. That is the downside of pins, the weight from a good collection, and if used on leather, holes will be punched, so you need to consider placement before plunging in. I had a few of the backings come off and I almost lost a few pins. Someone suggested that I use super glue in the fastener, but I’ve not tried that yet. When I visited the museum this year, I got a nice pin to add to my unintended collection.

I’ve covered t-shirt collections previously and also patches. A reminder that as a national H.O.G. member, you can participate in the Mileage Recognition program and receive patches as you put on the miles. Also, ladies, if you have not checked off that you want membership into the Ladies of Harley when you got your national H.O.G. membership, go to your membership profile and under your address information is a check box for the Ladies of Harley. They will send you a very nice pin and patch.

There is a nice Zippo Harley Davidson lighter collection that starts with the Knucklehead – from the Bradford Exchange for \$40/each with ten in the display. A bit pricey, but a nice looking collection.

As mentioned in a previous article, documenting my rides and experiences in a small notebook is my way to collect my memories, and hopefully the pictures I take along the way will complete the written story. I’ve added the date stamp to my pictures to help keep things together. I can see myself in retirement, possibly not being able to ride any longer, reliving the miles I’ve ridden, the people I met along the way, the bread broken with my HOG brothers and sisters.

OUR HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN



I hope that some of you have been able to take advantage of our unseasonal weather and were able to get out there and do some riding. With plenty of rain to wash away the road salt and temperatures sometimes hitting 50 to 60, we've definitely had a few opportunities to get some well deserved "wind therapy". Let's keep our fingers crossed that February is as nice to us. Also, remember that most motorists are not looking for or expecting to see a motorcycle

out in the winter. So please be extra diligent and careful out there. Ride safe and enjoy it, when you can.

We had 5 members sign-up this year to work towards becoming Road Captains. It's really appreciated when members give their time and efforts for the benefit of the whole chapter. I just want to say thank you all to all of them and best of luck. And I thank all of our returning Road Captains as well. It takes a real commitment to plan, pre-ride, make arrangements (if necessary) with the destination and then actually lead the ride. Their time spent, is for the benefit of all the members, so be sure to go on as many rides as you can and are able. You won't be sorry and you'll get all the benefits of their efforts. Right now, they are busy planning rides for our upcoming year and after the Road Captains meeting I'll start posting the information on our website. This year we'll have some old favorites, some new destinations and maybe a couple of surprises along the way. You'll just have to wait and see... :)

After our March meeting, we'll be starting off our riding season with the usual "Ice Breaker Ride" and that is also the starting day for our "Mileage Contest". I'll be putting more information about that in the March newsletter, but for now, just remember that Ground HOG day is Feb. 2nd and we DO NOT want Punxsutawney Phil to see his shadow... NO MORE WINTER!!! And an EARLY SPRING...

See you next month...

John R Sweeney Jr. – a.k.a. Motor Mouth
"It's not the destination; it's the journey"
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DAN MARCOTTE—SAFETY OFFICER

Five Motorcycle Riding Tips for You and Your Child



Riding a motorcycle with a child can be a very exciting experience. In Illinois, the only law in the books for riding with a child states that the child must be able to reach the foot pegs. Adjustable foot pegs are allowed. Here are five more tips for keeping your child safe while on the motorcycle.

1. Buy a fitting kids' helmet

There are far too many instances of kids wearing adult sized helmets, which simply come off during a crash. Your child's helmet should fit snugly. It's recommended that you buy a full coverage helmet with a chin-bar. The chin-bar and the rest of the shell should have expanded polystyrene. If the helmet doesn't have a face shield, at least ensure that you purchase some goggles.

2. Don't carry your child in front of you

It is illegal to carry a child in front of you on a motorcycle and with good reason. Not only will it interfere with the operation of the motorcycle but your child can easily fall off. It's much safer to carry your child on a seat that's firmly attached behind yours on the motorcycle.

3. Get them proper clothing

A good riding jacket made of heavy leather or thick denim, has heavy duty stitching and zippers and zipped cuffs should suffice. Leather gloves are also important for your kids because they protect their hands from scratches in case you get into an accident. A pair of heavy weight jeans will suffice and don't forget to buy a pair of boots that rise above the ankles.

4. How to balance

The next thing you need to work on is how they will balance on the bike. You can tell them to hold on to you as tightly as they can but this solution has a problem. If your child has tiny hands, they might not be able to hold on to you. You can purchase a belt for both you and your child. The belt has handholds your child can hold on to when you are on the road. A good example (you can google it) is the Powermadd Rider Hold Tight. I found it for \$40.

5. Teach them basic safety skills

Before every ride always remind your kid to get onto the bike from the left side and not the right side. Remind them to always be conscious of the exhaust pipe and to keep their feet off the wheel. Of course, you need to take things slow when you start riding with your kids. It's better to ride on roads with little traffic at first so they can get used to the idea of being on a motorcycle.

Let me hear your ideas for future topics... I can be reached at safety@lakeshorehog.com

Thanks for your time and input,

Dan Marcotte

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